

REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Claim 13 has been re-written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, the objection to otherwise allowable claim 13 has been overcome.

Newly added claims 26 – 41, all depend from independent claim 13, and are therefore allowable.

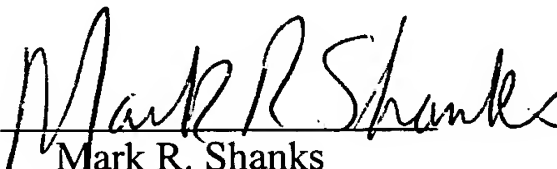
Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments which have addressed all the grounds for objection or rejection or otherwise have rendered them moot. Applicant respectfully asks that claims 13, 26-41 be sent to issue.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants earnestly solicit early notification of allowability from the Examiner. Should the Examiner have any questions or believe a personal or telephonic interview may be in order, he is invited to contact the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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